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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/926,367
Applicants: Christian MARZOLIN, et al.
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For: TEXTURED SUBSTRATE CAPABLE OF FORMING
A GLAZING, METHOD FOR OBTAINING SAME
Group Art Unit: 1772
Examiner: CHEVALIER, A.A.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

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This is a response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, dated September 21, 2007 (Notification). The response is limited to the “V. SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER” section, and follows the suggestion made by the Examiner in the Notification at pages 3-4 of the Continuation Sheet thereof.

In a voicemail message left by the Examiner to undersigned counsel on October 2, 2007, the Examiner stated that following the above-mentioned suggestion would be in compliance with the Notification. Note, however, the additional citation to page 11, lines 12-13.

V. SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

Independent Claim 1 is drawn to a hydrophobic/oleophobic substrate (**page 3, lines 20-21**), comprising:

a relief (**page 3, lines 16-17**);

wherein said relief consists of a low surface level and a high surface level (**page 3, lines 16-17**),

said high surface level has a height not less than 1/10 of the dimensions of a plurality of motifs forming said high surface level (**page 3, lines 17-18**),

wherein said dimensions are in the region of a micrometer (**page 5, lines 4-5, page 11, lines 12-13**),

wherein said height ranges between 0.1 and 10 micrometers (**page 5, lines 4-5**),

wherein said high surface level represents 1 to 65% of a surface of the substrate (**page 3, lines 18-19**);

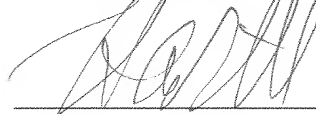
wherein said substrate is hydrophobic/oleophobic (**page 3, lines 20-21**), and

wherein said relief provides an angle of advance of a drop of water greater than such angle provided on a flat substrate, which is otherwise the same as said substrate but without said relief (**page 11, lines 16-21, see the Table**), without substantially changing the hysteresis obtained with the flat substrate (**page 12, lines 3-5**).

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